

# THE ISLE OF THANET TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2013

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at the Table Tennis Centre, Hartsdown, Margate, commencing 8.00p.m. All members of the Association, during the season 2012/2013, and Vice Presidents. are entitled to vote.

### AGENDA

Chairman's Welcome.

Apologies for Absence.

Approval of the A.G.M. Minutes 2012.

Officers Reports and Matters Arising.

Chairman.

Secretary.

Treasurer.

Match Secretary.

Quickenden & Burden Cup .

Social Secretary.

Hall Booking Officer.

Website Organiser.

Proposed Rule Changes.

Election of Officers.

President

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Scores Secretary

Match & Press Secretary

Kent League Representative

Hall Booking Officer

Handicap Secretary

Trophy Secretary

Vice Presidents

Auditor

Committee Members for Season 2013/2014

Fees for the Coming Season

Any Other Business

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## MINUTES OF THE A.G.M. HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2012

PRESENT- CHAIRMAN-R.LAMBERT. I.MILEHAM. D.STEVENS. S.STEVENS. D.LANSDOWN.

R.PUGH. S.HILLIER.T.MORGAN. (MARGATE) D.ROLFE. T.MILLS.  
W.OSBORNE. A.RADFORD A.FUGGLES. T.CORNOCK.A.DENNAHY.  
E.DAVIES.T.SHINGLESTON (REBELS) T.GOLDSMITH (B.T.)  
R.HAZELTON. R.KNIGHT.(INVICTA) G.CLARK(ODDS) M.PUGH (SEC)

APOLOGIES;- H.PORTER. T.OSBORNE. P.MANNINGS.

The Chairman opened the 2012 A.G.M. by welcoming all those present. The minutes of the previous year's A.G.M. were read and approved as a true record. Proposed by A.Fuggles and seconded by R.Hazelton, and then duly signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING;- Nil.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT;-

See enclosed sheet. The Chairman thanked the Committee for the work carried out by them during the past year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT;-

See the enclosed report.

TREASURER'S REPORT;-

The Treasurer reported that funds were still looking quite healthy, with only a small amount paid for electricity. A letter had been received from the E.T.T.A. explaining that registrations were to be increased to £10 for adults and £6 for juniors. All new players must submit their name, address, D of B and Email. If there was a change of team Captain, they must exchange their door key. Alan reported that the door had been left open on at least three occasions. The Treasurer stated that she could see no reason to increase fees, so for the coming season they would remain the same. The Treasurer explained all the balance sheets and these were proposed as a true record by D.Rolfe and seconded by W Osborne.

SCORES SECRETARY'S REPORT;-

See enclosed report. Simon thanked Richard for his assistance with entering scores on the website.

QUICKENDEN AND BURDEN REPORT;-

See report enclosed.

### SOCIAL REPORT;-

See enclosed report. The Chairman stated that Colin Rouse – Thanet District Council Representative - who attended the Presentation Evening was very impressed by the attendance of players & families, and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

### HALL BOOKING;-

Alan stated that he had received phone calls regarding the door being left open. The table bookings were fine with plenty of spare tables. Alan stated that there was a bad leak in the roof which he would look into tomorrow.

### PROPOSED RULE CHANGES;-

No notification had been received by 1<sup>st</sup> May A letter from Rebels 'H' dated 6<sup>th</sup> June for the Committee's attention, was read (copy enclosed) Simon would keep an etc on this.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS;-

The Chairman stated that he would be standing down, but the Vice Chairman was willing to take the position of Chairman, and he would take over the Vice Chairman's position. Proposed by A.Radford and a unanimous vote from the floor.

The newly appointed Chairman took the chair and stated that all other members of the Committee were willing to stand for a further year. The Committee were voted en bloc – Proposed by A Dennahey - Seconded A Fuggles.

PRESIDENT	K.BURDEN
CHAIRMAN	I.MILEHAM.
VICE CHAIRMAN	R.LAMBERT
SECRETARY	M.PUGH
TREASURER	G.CLARK
MATCH SECRETARY	S.HILLIER
TROPHY SECRETARY	M.PUGH
SOCIAL SECRETARY	M.PUGH
HALL BOOKING OFFICER	A.RADFORD
WEBSITE	R.HAZELTON
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	A.FUGGLES S.STEVENS D.STEVENS. T.CORNOCK P.MANNINGS

### FEES'-

These had already been covered and F.T.T.A. fees explained.

#### WEBSITE;

Richard requested that any information or changes to go onto the website, please inform him. The Chairman thanked both Richard and Simon for their work on the website and in keeping league tables etc; up to date.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T.Morgan stated that when he was in the Club, 2 lads came in and thought they could just play. Tony explained that there was a coaching session on Friday nights. Gwen stated that any new players or juniors must have E.T.T.A. affiliation, otherwise they have no liability insurance, also an E.T.T.A. form must be completed. Danny stated if they just wanted to knock about, they could go over to the Leisure Centre. Simon stated that Colin Rouse develops sport within Thanet and the Council have money to buy tables to put into Village halls etc: This would be an advantage as instead of using these 4 tables, the venues could then spread out. The Chairman stated if, and when, these facilities became available we should encourage more people to take this option. Richard stated that all players entering the Summer Competition must all be registered with the E.T.T.A.

The Chairman thanked the Committee for the work undertaken, and thanked all those present for attending.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE A.G.M. CLOSED AT 9.25P.M.

To the Committee

Please table the following at the AGM on Wednesday 13 June 2012

Proposal to change the rule regarding 'playing up'

Submitted by Rebels H John Jarvis, Tony Mills, Mark Stephens & Eric Davies

We propose the rule allowing teams to call on players from lower graded teams, in the event they are unable to field a full team from their own registered players, be scrapped.

We propose this for the following reasons:

- 1 It is fundamentally unfair.
- 2 It gives advantage to the stronger teams as they are able to call on the best of a wide range of players from other teams
- 3 It distorts the end of season tables as often many points have been gained by players other than the members of the teams shown
- 4 There is adequate time for teams to re-arrange games during the season whether it be they play two times a week or fit games in later in the season
- 5 The season is short and thus it would seem quite reasonable if it were to be extended in order for all games to be completed
- 6 Under the current rule there may be some advantage for some teams but if you play for a team rated bottom of your club then you have no benefit only massive disadvantage.
- 7 Teams should only be permitted to play the players signed to them.

6 June 2012

## **Isle of Thanet Table Tennis Association**

### **Chairman's Report 2012-13**

Yet another season has passed, and I hope that each of our members enjoyed the season.

In my first year as Chairman, I am indebted to the great support I have received from Roy Lambert, as well thank the committee for their contributions over the season.

In Div 1, congratulations go to Margate C for breaking the Odds monopoly on the title, and one is already looking forward to the upcoming season where we can anticipate another good battle for the league.

This time last year, with changes to teams, and the high majority stating a preference to play in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Div, the committee took a decision to create 2a and 2b divisions. Whilst the overall title was claimed by Rebels E after an outstanding match against Rebels C, we are aware of the wide range of playing standards in those divisions. This was mitigated to some degree by introducing additional competition with a doubles league, and for the tournament still having a "Div 3" event. For the upcoming season we will be looking at returning to the more conventional divisional format based on playing standard.

**Please could club secretaries or team captains highlight as soon as possible if you are aware of any major team changes.**

Once again the tournament proved to be a success, culminating in an exciting finals night. A big thaps and acknowledgment go to Alan Radford for his great work in running this event.

Thanks go to Margaret Pugh for making presentation evening a success, and a mention for Trevor Cornock's band, and Derek Mills and Rod Hall who helped make it an enjoyable evening.

This season Thanet participated in the Kent Team Tournament. This was of an incredibly high standard, with Thanet finishing 9<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams. It should be pointed out though, we were only 1 leg away from competing for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> places, and one hopes to build of this for 2013-4 season. In November there will be a similar event at an intermediate level, and Thanet will enter a team. Additionally we are looking at entering a team in the Kent League for the first time in many years in the upcoming season. This will help players gain experiences in playing against opposition outside of Thanet.

Over the next season, particular focus areas will include attempting to improve the playing conditions at Hartsdown, and also we will be exploring options in better promoting table tennis in Thanet, particularly for the younger generation.

I wish everyone all the best for the upcoming season

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### SECRETARY'S REPORT SEASON 2012/2013.

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDANCE BEING;-

I.MILEHAM	CHAIRMAN	7
R.LAMBERT		6
M.PUGH		6
G.CLARK.		2
S.HILLIER.		6
A.RADFORD.		5
A.FUGGLES.		6
R.HAZELTON.		6
T.CORNOCK.		7
D.STEVENS.		5
S.STEVENS.		5

P.MANNINGS (Co-opted as Risk Assessment Officer) 0

Once again it would be a great help if entry forms could be returned by the given date, accompanied by the appropriate fees and required information. This helps the Committee to formulate the league and process the handbooks, so that Team Captains will be issued them in plenty of time before the start of the league programme.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ANY NEW MEMBERS JOINING THE LEAGUE WILL NEED TO COMPLETE AN E.T.T.A. FORM. {These can be obtained from Gwen or myself.}

We started the beginning of the season with 28 teams, but unfortunately, during the first half of the season, Thanet Juniors withdrew from the programme. Hopefully this coming season we will see a Thanet Junior team back in the league.

When the Committee started to formulate the divisions, it became apparent that most teams (apart from the 1<sup>st</sup>.division) had requested to play in the 2<sup>nd</sup> division. After a long discussion, it was decided to once again, as in a previous year, introduce division 2a and 2b. There would be a play off between the two divisions at the end of the season to establish the winners and runners up of division 2.

Once again, thanks to Richard, the website has been successful and useful to players to access information. Simon and Richard have been able to produce an up to date league table, and averages, throughout the season.

Again the Annual Tournament was held in February at the Ramsgate Leisure Centre. Thanks once again to Thanet Leisure Force and the Staff at the Centre, for their co-operation. Thanks to Alan for organising the event, and to Dave, Rob and Wayne for helping during the day. Thanks once again to Rod and Derek for setting up the P.A.system. Thanks to Sheena and Beckie for selling the raffle tickets during the day.

Finals night at the Odds was once again well supported, and an evening enjoyed by all those present. Thanks again to Gwen & Keith for the use of the Hall, and to Keith and Sharon for supplying the refreshments.

The Summer Competition, thanks to Rob Pugh and Dave and Sheena, went well, with new faces entering. This has become very popular and well supported.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET YOUR TEAM ENTRY FORMS BACK BY THE GIVEN DATE TO ME, and I wish you all a successful 2013/14 season.

*Margaret Pugh*

HON: SECRETARY



## Match Secretary Report

Congratulations to all teams on a competitive and enjoyable 2012/13 season. In Division 1, Margate C ended the Odds domination by taking the title, with Odds having to settle for the runners up spot. In Division 2, Rebels E took the crown, but only after an incredible night of table tennis in the Division 2 playoff final against Rebels D. Both teams must be congratulated for what was without doubt the game of the season.

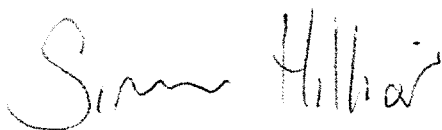
This year saw the introduction of the Doubles competition, which I feel has been a welcome addition to the league. It has given all teams something to play for, which I know some were concerned about when the unavoidable decision was taken to go for a split second division.

I hope all players have found the introduction of the ratings system either an enjoyable or useful addition to the league. It has certainly made some decisions far easier for the committee, and it brings us in line with the vast majority of the other leagues in Kent, who all use a ratings system identical to ours.

Next season will also see the chance for Thanet to enter a team or teams into the Kent Vets league. This is a great opportunity for those players who wish to play in other venues against different players around the county. The competition is run on a league format, with a few divisions running to cater for different standards of player. Although we have not received final confirmation yet, I believe that games are to take place on a Sunday afternoon on a monthly basis. If you are interested in playing, please get in touch.

Finally, I am keen for individuals who may be interested in writing reports for the local press to come forward. Due to my work and playing commitments, I struggle to find the time to write reports on a regular basis. If you would like to write a report for your division, or even just your game, please get in touch. These reports will then be put together into one weekly report by me to be placed on the website and sent to the local paper. Any help would be greatly appreciated! If you would like to send a report or find out more info, please email me – [simon.hillier@ukdba.org](mailto:simon.hillier@ukdba.org)

Congratulations again on a successful season. Enjoy the summer!



Simon Hillier

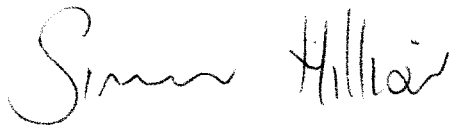
## Quickenden and Burden Cup

Congratulations go to Margate G and Barnstonworth, who won the Quickenden and Burden cups respectively. Cup final night at the Odds proved to be a nail biting affair, with both games going to wire. In fact, both games finished with 24 point wins, ensuring that both matches went to the last game of the night.

20 of the 35 games this year saw a winning margin of 50 points or less, a margin equating to 2.5 points per end. The committee feel that handicapping this year has been very good, with only 2 of the 35 fixtures having a points difference of 100 or more. The ratings system has been a big help in ensuring that our handicaps are as accurate as possible.

The closest game of the cup season was Margate C vs Rebels H, with just a 2 point winning margin. The average winning margin in this season's cup was just 28 points, showing that the hard work that goes into generating these handicaps is paying off!

Congratulations again to our winners!



Simon Hillier

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## SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT 2013

I would like to thank members of the league, who with family and friends, attended the Annual Presentation Evening held at the Odd Fellows Hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

After numerous telephone calls to players, - quite a few had forgotten the date, or even forgotten that they had a trophy/s to collect – numbers reached 81, with 2 or 3 extra people turning up on the night. It was very disappointing to find players who had won, what I view as important events, not bothering to attend. Why enter the Tournament, if you cannot put yourself out to collect your trophy?

This year a member from Thanet Leisure Force was unable to attend due to a previous commitment, but we were pleased that Debbie and Mark, from Ramsgate Trophies, were able to attend, and Mark present the trophies.

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to Trevor Cornock, firstly for printing the tickets for the event, and then with his group, providing us with excellent entertainment throughout the evening.

Also thanks to Derek and Rod for once again, creating the appropriate music as players collected their trophies. Thanks to Sheena and Beckie for once again doing an excellent job selling raffle tickets. Thanks also to Alan for being M.C. once again for the evening.

Thanks once again to Gwen and Keith for donating the Hall for the evening, also for Finals Night and the Final of the Quickenden and Burden Cup. Thanks to everyone for their support and for making this an enjoyable evening.

*Margaret Pugh*

*Social Secretary*